

"SOCIOLOGIST" MINISTER'S WIFE IS HIS DEFENDER

Mrs. W. Howard Mears
Appears Before Church
Inquiry Board.

"I KNEW OF HIS TRIP."

Noted Men Hear Testimony
About Minister's Encounter
with Negro Woman.

Mrs. W. Howard Mears, wife of the former assistant rector of St. Malheur's Protestant Episcopal Church, was the star witness for her husband to-day before the church inquiry board investigating his conduct on the night of March 12, when he was arrested after a meeting with a negro woman in Seventh avenue. The young wife stood up staunchly for Mr. Mears, and said that she was "aware of his sociological studies" and knew beforehand of his trip on the night he was arrested. The hearing was held at the See House, No. 415 Lafayette street.

"I am interested in my husband's work and believe, as he does, that in order to preach sermons he should have solid facts, not hearsay evidence," said Mrs. Mears, who is pretty and not more than twenty-five years of age. She was dressed in a blue walking suit, with hat to match, when she appeared before the board.

Ex-Mayor Seth Low is acting as chief inquirer of the inquiry board, and the other lay members are Francis Lynde Stetson, with the Rev. Dr. Huntington, rector of Grace Church; the Rev. Dr. William T. Manning, rector of St. Agnes; and the Rev. George F. Nelson, as the clerical members. The testimony was taken by a stenographer. The recommendations of the board will go to Bishop Greer, who will have the final say as to the fate of the young rector. The hearing was in private.

A sensation was caused by the testimony of Detective John Schmacke, of Inspector Humes's staff, who followed Mr. Mears to the Seventh avenue resort. It was not favorable to him.

Detective Joseph Herring, Schmacke's partner, detailed how he had followed Mr. Mears after seeing him accosted by the woman. He testified that the resort was reported as a gathering place for thieves of the very lowest class and that it was not safe for a person to be there.

Mrs. Mears also appeared before the board, but it was her wife who made the star plea in his behalf. Sociological work and study was the defense of the young rector. He said he had made many other searches for material for sermons in various other sections of the city.

Rev. Dr. Arthur H. Judge, rector of St. Malheur's, said that it was not essential to warrant first hand investigation by his assistant rector. Two other church witnesses were heard, and the meeting adjourned at noon. It is not likely that another session will be held. The affair against the young rector, Bishop Greer, who it was said, will tender his decision next week. The findings of the board were kept secret.

BESSIE ABBOTT HAS QUIT HERR CONRIED

Singer and Manager in Dis-
agreement Which Courts
May Settle.

Miss Bessie Abbott, of the Metropolitan Opera Company, and Heinrich Conried have come to a parting of the ways, and to-day it was announced that their difference in opinion will likely settle their differences in court.

Miss Abbott was to have gone on a tour with the company and was booked to make her first appearance in Boston to-night in "Marta." It is now said that she would leave New York and that her place will probably be taken by Miss Marie Matfield. By refusing to go on the tour Mr. Conried says that she has broken her contract with him, which has three years longer to run.

Mr. Conried says that he engaged Miss Abbott five years ago at a weekly salary. She asked to be released from her contract some weeks ago, saying that she wanted to go to Europe, because of the ill health of her sister, who is abroad. Mr. Conried consented to this arrangement on condition that she did not sign with any other manager.

"Then I learned that she was not going abroad," said Mr. Conried. At the same time she asked me for twenty subscription performances in New York at \$500 each. She also demanded that she be permitted to sing at least forty times next season. I would not consent to this, and she said she would sue me. I then advised her to sue me. She refused to tell her side of the trouble.

Latest Phase in the War of the Harriman and Fish Families—Mrs. Harriman Seeks Society Leadership

New Fifth Avenue House
the First Step in Her
Campaign.

MAY BUILD IN NEWPORT.

Report that Trouble Started
Over an Affront to Mrs. Har-
riman by Mrs. Fish.

E. H. Harriman having eliminated Stavrouk Fish from the arena of railroad management, Mrs. E. H. Harriman has taken the preliminary steps in a campaign that is believed to have for its object the elimination of Mrs. Stavrouk Fish from the leadership of New York society. Work will be started in a short time upon a \$2,000,000 mansion for the Harriman family at the northeast corner of Fifty-second street and Fifth avenue.

Mr. Harriman has just completed the purchase of the site, which fronts fifty feet on the avenue and 130 feet on the street. Part of the old Langham Hotel stood on the property. It is in the heart of the fashionable residence district of Fifth avenue and is so bounded by the residences of millionaires and St. Patrick's Cathedral that it will be safe from the invasion of business for many years to come.

Vanderbilts for Neighbors.

Diagonally opposite the Harriman site, on the southeast corner of Fifty-second street and Fifth avenue, is the brownstone Vanderbilt mansion, which covers the Fifth avenue block down to Fifth street and is occupied by W. D. Sloan and Henry C. Frick. On the northwest corner is the residence of William K. Vanderbilt and adjoining it on the north is the new home of W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr. On the southwest corner is the new \$1,500,000 home of Morton F. Plant.

At the present time the Harrimans live at the northeast corner of Fifth street and Fifth avenue in a comfortable but by no means pretentious brick mansion. The view from the front entrance in Fifty-fifth street is marred by the tall St. Regis and Gotham hotels. The march of business down from the Plaza will soon reach Fifty-fifth street.

Mrs. Harriman has always had entrance into the inner circles of the Four Hundred, but she has never figured as a social leader. She has two charming daughters, who have reached the age when their position entitles them to a life of social activity. In the past two or three years Mrs. Harriman has become quite prominent in a set that threatens the social leadership of Mrs. Fish and the younger Vanderbilts.

Fitted for Society Leadership.

By right of birth, breeding and wealth Mrs. Harriman is well qualified to queen it in society. When she married Mr. Harriman she had the money of the family and has been so engrossed up to this time in the cares of her husband's business that she has had little time for recreation.

In the rapid life of New York in the summer season the Harrimans have never played a prominent part. The Boston estate at Andover, a short distance out on the Erie from this city, has been the summer home of the family for many years. The determination of Mr. Harriman to build a palace in town for the entertainment of guests on occasions when the social matters gives some color to the rumor that has been in circulation for some time that the Harrimans are at war with the Fish and Mrs. Harriman that led to the downfall of the latter. It is reported that the Harrimans are in a warfare on the Fish social and business standing, the first result of which is the separation of the Harrimans from the presidency of the Illinois Central Railway.

STRAP-HANGING IN LONDON MUST GO.

Government Begins Crusade
Against the Overcrowding
of Cars.

LONDON, April 4.—The Liberal Government has started a campaign against the overcrowding of railroad cars. The subject was forcefully brought to the Government's notice during a recent session of the House of Commons by complaints of those who utilize the underground and suburban railroads to reach their residences in distant suburbs.

A bill will be introduced at the re-assembling of Parliament giving the Board of Trade and the Railway Commissioners power to order the companies to run more frequent or longer trains, and to impose penalties in order to prevent overcrowding. The President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Lloyd-George, declares that the strap-hanging nuisance and danger must go.

NO DUKE-INMAN ENGAGEMENT.

ATLANTA, April 4.—Mrs. William H. Inman has authorized a denial of the report of her engagement to James B. Duke, of the Tobacco Trust. Mrs. Inman will leave early in May with her mother and son to spend the summer in Europe.



THE TROUBLES OF ONE MARRIED PAIR

Or How Mrs. Hillis Found a
Love Note Written by
the Heroine.

My Own Dear Hubby:
March 2, A. M.—Where are you and what are you doing? Are you thinking of me, as I am thinking of you? I started to write you a New Year's message, but shops were all closed. By dear Rex, how I wish you were here to throw my arms around your neck and tell you how I love you.

"This note was in the handwriting of Paddy McGinness, a young girl who visited my husband two or three times a week."

"I had endured the abuse of my husband and his flirtation with other women for eighteen years when I discovered this love note in his desk on Jan. 12," testified Mrs. Bernia K. Hillis, in the trial before Justice O'Gorman, of the Supreme Court, for her action for separation from Dr. Thomas J. Hillis, of No. 41 Charlton street.

"I had seen her sit on his lap, waited patiently in my room while he and the young girl were locked in the back parlor in the darkness for hours, and been abused, beaten and threatened when I remonstrated, threatening to tell her mother."

"He is nearly sixty years old, and she hardly out of her teens. Then I found that note in his handwriting."

"When he came in I said, 'Well, Rex, you're dear hubby, are you?'"

"You've been snooping in my papers, have you?" he said. He demanded the note, declaring that I should not take it to the mother of Paddy McGinness. Then he grabbed up the carving-knife and, pressing it against my heart, swore furiously and said he would kill me and make Nora Reidy, our maid, swear I had committed suicide."

"Mrs. Hillis stood up with that self-same carving-knife, ten inches long, and threatened to stab him. The doctor said at first that the note was from a patient, but afterward said:

"Don't you know? Haven't I explained to you again and again that Mrs. McGinness is acting as my amanuensis, handing me on my book which I dictate to her? This note is only a part of the story; a love letter from the heroine to her sweetheart."

Mrs. Hillis gave up the note, but she had taken the precaution to make a copy of it. Hillis explained the note written in the fair hand of his amanuensis as a part of the book, was dictating to her. The doctor also admitted that the wife's story of abuse since their marriage, September, 1888, was true. He said that he had been rather abusive and said that he had thrown a glass of wine at her on one occasion and hit him once, using as a club a ball of dress goods he had just purchased for her.

Miss McGinness Testifies.

Miss McGinness, a beautiful young woman of the brunette type, testified that she had been employed by Mrs. Hillis as an amanuensis in the writing of a book, and that she was a part of the story, and that she

MAGISTRATE CALLS WITNESS A LIAR

Being a Popular Phrase Which
Is Essential to the Stren-
uous Life.

Abraham Reisman, arrested as the proprietor of a disorderly hotel at Third avenue and One Hundred and Thirtieth street, was today held in \$2,000 bail for trial in the Court of Special Sessions. Magistrate Finley, who presided at the hearing, said that one of the witnesses for Reisman was a deliberate liar and to the appeals of politicians he gave a word of warning for the future.

Detectives Flynn and L'Hercux, of Inspector Dillon's staff, secured a warrant for the proprietor of the saloon in question, and on Monday arrested Louis Dresser, a bellboy at the place. When Magistrate Finley saw the lad arraigned as the owner of the resort he was dumfounded.

"What do you mean by bringing this boy before me as keeper of a saloon?" asked the Magistrate. "When I give you a warrant serve it on the proper person or I will call to the attention of the District Attorney and Commissioner Bingham. I'll hold this boy, and you go out this minute and find the real owner."

The sleuths arrested Reisman at the saloon last night and locked him up in a cell at the East One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street station. Politicians attempted to have the prisoner bailed out, but all were referred to Magistrate Finley. When they called at Finley's office to interfere, they were told that they would have to get a bondsmen called in an automobile, but failed to get the Magistrate's signature to the bond.

Reisman spent the night in a cell, but was supplied with food and warm blankets and pillows by sympathetic friends. This morning Magistrate Finley released Reisman on bail of \$2,000, furnished by "Mike" Sasserath, a Harlem saloon-keeper, who has also been arrested. Sasserath showed his deeds before the court, and the Magistrate in the future to serve warrants on the people who actually violated the law and not on dummies.

MURDERED IN CUBA.

HAVANA, April 4.—Jose Ayala, ex-Chief of Police of Jose Ayala, Havana Province, was assassinated yesterday at the hands of a band of political assassins. He led the Government forces at Guines during the recent revolt against the Spanish government. The assassin, who belonged to the rebel army, was executed.

relations with the doctor, who was said enough to be his father, was entirely proper. The doctor also admitted that the wife's story of abuse since their marriage, September, 1888, was true. He said that he had been rather abusive and said that he had thrown a glass of wine at her on one occasion and hit him once, using as a club a ball of dress goods he had just purchased for her.

On cross-examination by Edgar H. Head, attorney for Mr. Hillis, the pretty student admitted that Dr. Hillis visited her while she was in a Philadelphia industrial school.

But Dr. Hillis asked only a degree of separation. She wished to retain her dower rights in the \$100,000 worth of real estate owned by Dr. Hillis, and only asked a wife's share of the \$10,000 salary he enjoyed from his position.

The degree of separation and alimony will be announced later on. There are

ROWED FORTY MILES TO SAFE HARBOR

Captain and Crew of Swedish
Bark Pandar, Sinking Off
Bermuda, Took to Boats.

The steamer Bermudian, which arrived here to-day from Bermuda brought as passengers Capt. Bengtsson and nine members of the crew of the Swedish bark Pandar, which was abandoned at sea on March 23.

Sailing from Appelaukula for Apender, Germany, on March 4, with a cargo of lumber, she experienced rough weather with heavy seas, in which she labored and strained until she sprang a leak. The wind and sea increased, and for several days blew with hurricane force. The leak gained in spite of the constant efforts of the crew to keep her afloat.

In the meantime the foremast and mainmast had been carried away and on March 25, when about forty miles southeast of Bermuda, the vessel tilted and became unmanageable. Capt. Bengtsson and his men then took to the boats and after twenty-four hours of constant work at the oars they reached Bermuda.

The crew of the Pandar will be sent to their homes by the Swedish Consul.

BOY DIES OF RABIES FROM BITE OF DOG

Little Abram Van Horn Was
Attacked By Spaniel on
March 17.

Little Abram Van Horn, the three-year-old son of Abram Van Horn, of Alstead, N. H., died early to-day of rabies, having been bitten by a spaniel on March 17. A black spaniel owned by a neighbor ran amuck in the village street, biting the child's leg, knocking over his six-year-old sister, and biting nine other dogs before he could be captured and shot. The other dogs were all killed.

The body of the dog was brought to the Pasteur Institute in West Twenty-third street on March 21 and examined by Drs. Wheeler and Rumbach, who said it was afflicted with hydrophobia. The boy was brought here for treatment immediately and had been brought in several times a week ever since.

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ROUNDSMEN FINED.

Roundsmen Powers, Anderson, Gardiner, Malone, McMahon and Pitts, all attached to the Tenderloin station, were before Deputy Commissioner Hanson to-day, charged with failing to report building material that had been dumped in the street without permission from the Bureau of Inspection.

All but two of the Roundsmen—McMahon and Gardiner—were fined one day's pay. They had been in the precinct only a short time.

BOON FOR SKIN SUFFERERS

Based on the knowledge that diseases of the skin must be treated through the blood, Dr. D. D. Prescription strikes the germ that eats into the weak tissue, and by destroying it, restores the cause of the disease. Through mild as a gentle and clearly as pure water, this prescription is a powerful liquid in combating the germ of eczema, psoriasis, salt rheum, ringworm, dandruff and all forms of rash.

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According to Mrs. Beyer, Benjamin is a traveling salesman and his name is Benjamin. He is a native of Indiana, and while in Indianapolis, three years ago, he met Eve Haase, a nineteen-year-old girl, who was a teacher and came to New York. They have a baby who has been sent to Indianapolis by Mrs. Beyer says.

A Woman's Health

Is a heritage too sacred to be experimented with. For her peculiar and delicate ailments only medicines of known composition and which contain no alcohol, narcotics, or other harmful or habit-forming drugs should be employed. The one medicine which fulfills all these requirements is Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription—a remedy with a record of over forty years of cures to recommend it; a remedy, the makers of which print its formula on every bottle-wrapper and attest its completeness and correctness under oath; a remedy devised and adapted to woman's delicate constitution by an educated physician—an experienced specialist in woman's diseases; a remedy, every ingredient of which has received the written endorsement of the most eminent medical writers of all the several schools